

October 20, 2014

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, from the regular meeting of October 14, 2014, was held at the Bedford Welcome Center at 7:00 p.m., October 20, 2014.

Council members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest

Council members absent: None

Town Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Board members present: Curry W. Martin, Steve Wilkerson, Steve Arrington, Annie S. Pollard, Tammy Parker

Board members absent: Chairman John Sharp and Bill Thomason

The meeting was a joint meeting of the Bedford Town Council and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors to hear a presentation by Centra President and CEO E. W. Tibbs.

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting.

Mr. Tibbs began with an overview of the Centra system: Centra is a not-for-profit health system serving Central and Southern Virginia; its service area covers 9,000 square miles; it has a Board of Directors; and employs about 6,400 people with about 345 at Bedford Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Tibbs reviewed goals and strategic plans for Bedford Memorial Hospital. He spoke briefly about the future of the Bedford Hospice House.

Mr. Tibbs asked for feedback from Council and Board members and their constituents.

Members of Town Council, the Board of Supervisors, and staff asked Mr. Tibbs various questions regarding: regulations, consistency with doctors; obstacles to Centra's success that are unique to Bedford; and telemedicine. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Carson and Mayor Wandrei spoke about improvements at the hospital.

Town Manager Kolakowski asked Mr. Tibbs how the Town could attract businesses such as therapy offices, specialist's offices, medical supplies, etc. Mr. Tibbs said he would like to think about that and get back to Mr. Kolakowski.

Mayor Wandrei thanked Mr. Tibbs for the presentation he made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.